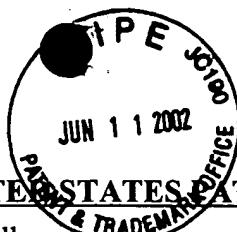


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Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for review, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs of the Specification with the paragraphs in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Specification Paragraphs. Following are marked-up versions of the amended paragraphs showing specific changes:

The paragraph beginning on page 15, line 6, is amended as follows:

In one embodiment, the user accesses the detection parameters for a zone by selecting the respective detection button 76 and accesses the therapy parameters for a zone by selecting the respective therapy button 78. The user selects the rate threshold value in order to change the rate threshold for that zone. And the number of [zones] tachyarrhythmia zones can be modified by selecting one of the number buttons beneath the "# Zones" label.

The paragraph beginning on page 18, line 1, is amended as follows:

Next, select the magnifying-glass icon [ro] to display enhancement parameter details. Detection enhancement details for VT-1 zone are shown in Figs. 4, 10 and 14. Detection enhancement details for VT zone are shown in Figs. 15 and 16.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13, without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 14 - 46 as follows:

A3 14. (New) A programmer for a user to program a pulse generator to detect a clinical rhythm and